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Applicant:	Arrowsmith et al.
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For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POLICY-BASED ALARM NOTIFICATION IN A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENT

Examiner:	D. Pope
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

Responsive to the examiner's action mailed September 30, 1996, to which response is due March 31, 1997, a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time being submitted herewith, please amend the above application as follows:

In The Claims

    Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (amended) A method of alarm notification comprising the steps of:

(a)   receiving alarms from multiple network management servers;

(b)   assigning policy-based filters to associated network management applications; and

(c)   applying the assigned policy-based filters to the alarms and for the alarms which pass the filters, generating an alarm notification and forwarding the same to the associated network management applications;

wherein each filter comprises at least one filter parameter, and the applying step comprises performing a logical AND of all parameters within one filter and performing a logical OR between all filters within one policy.